

trial in their suits to reclaim family property that had been confiscated and sold. One of the daughters, Elizabeth Cornell Bayard, lost her case against Spyers Singleton. The jury ruled that her father was an alien when he deeded his property to her and other family members. Because aliens were prohibited from owning property, the confiscation and subsequent purchase of the property by Singleton were allowed to stand. The family dropped the remaining suits. Whichard, *Justice James Iredell*, 9-16; Waldrup, "James Iredell," 278; New Bern District Superior Court, Argument, Appearance and Reference Docket, May and November 1787, State Archives. For more information on *Bayard v. Singleton*, see Richard D. Spaight to JI, August 12, 1787, n. 2, in this volume.

³George Pollok (Pollock) was probably related to Cullen Pollock, who may be "the other" referred to in the letter. George was a common name in the Pollock family, which makes further identification difficult. *PJI*, 1:219n.

⁴Hannah Iredell had inherited land along the Trent River called Tuckahoe Meadows in what is now Jones County. *PJI*, 2:27n.

To Hannah Iredell

Newbern Nov. 28 1787.

My dear Hannah,

I was made extremely happy by your letter yesterday, for which I am very much obliged to you. God be praised for his goodness in preserving you & my dear Annie so well. Tell her she is in truth my sweet Pet and I am most impatient to see her. I wish she had finished her letter. Pray kiss her most tenderly for me. I am much obliged to Nelly for her intention of writing, & wish I could spare time to have the pleasure of writing a line to her. Had I known a day or two ago Mr. Johnston could have gone so soon I would have endeavoured to do it. I don't believe now I shall go to Tuckahoe, but I must at all events see Brown. If he comes in the meantime I intend to leave this on Saturday. Mrs. Williams & G. Pollok I expect will come in /with me/. By all means engage our Corn of Mr. Tredwell.¹ I hope I may be able to pay him all the money very shortly. God knows how we are to get Pork. Adieu! my dear Hannah. Remember me particularly, & most kindly to all, <for the> especially my little Angel, [a]nd be assured I am ever

Most affectionately yours

Ja. Iredell.

I leave to you the quantity of Corn [tom]ng care it be rather too much [torn] too little.